

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK, JULY 14, 2016**

***Proclaiming the Organizers of the  
South Buffalo Walk for Hope as the  
Erie County Legislature's Citizens of  
the Month for July 2016***

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, that at the regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 14th of July, a proclamation was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, the Buffalo-Niagara region has seen far too many addiction and depression-related deaths in recent years, as those battling depression often feel alone and hopeless in their battle against this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1 in 20 Americans 12 years of age and older were reported to suffer from depression, showing that depression knows no age, gender, race, or region when it comes to who it affects; and

**WHEREAS**, in the face of a constant depression and addiction epidemic, Mike Blake, Sue Camizzi, and Eileen Bamrick have stepped up to the plate through the South Buffalo Walk for Hope, with the goal of raising awareness of depression and addiction, while showing those who are battling through depression and addiction that they are not alone in their fight; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 South Buffalo Walk for Hope was held on May 22 in Cazenovia Park, where thousands of community members came together to remember friends and family who they lost to depression and addiction, and to encourage anyone battling depression and addiction to seek and accept the love and support they have around them; and

**WHEREAS**, South Buffalo is a close-knit community that has suffered together as friends and neighbors became afflicted by addiction and depression-related deaths, but continue to rally behind families in mourning to work towards ending this epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, sponsors and local businesses donated baskets and gift cards that were raffled off, with the proceeds going to charitable organizations deemed fit by the South Buffalo families who have lost loved ones due to depression and addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Blake, Sue Camizzi and Eileen Bamrick are model citizens, seeing a pain felt throughout their community and working to fix it through comfort and awareness, putting in countless hours organizing the South Buffalo Walk for Hope, an act that should be commended.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations proclaim Mike Blake, Sue Camizzi, and Eileen Bamrick as the Erie County Legislature's Citizens of the Month for July 2016 for their work to bring attention to depression and addiction.

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**Hon. Patrick B. Burke**  
*Erie County Legislator, 7th District*

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**Karen M. McCarthy**  
*Clerk, Erie County Legislature*